

LIBRARY AT TUSKEGEE.

Beautiful Temple of Literature
The Gift of Andrew Carnegie,
Dedicated—Description of the
Building.

A little more than a year ago Mr. Carnegie gave the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, in Alabama, \$20,000 for a library building. This was dedicated on April 29, on which day was present the party of distinguished men and women who went South this year as the guests of Mr. Robert Ogden, of New York, to attend the meeting of the Southern Education Society at Athens, Georgia, and to visit various schools.

In style of architecture the Tuskegee Carnegie Library suggests the stately colonial buildings of the South. It is 50 by 110 feet on the foundation, two stories in height. The entrance is surmounted by a broad portico, whose massive Ionic columns rise to the full height of the building.

The plans for the library were drawn and the work of building superintended by Mr. R. R. Taylor, the school's Director of Industries. Practically all the work from basement to roof was done by students as a part of their industrial education, under the oversight of the school's teachers in the various industrial departments. Students dug out the foundation, made the bricks and laid them, did the carpentry work and finishing, put on the roof, installed the electric lighting fixtures and steam heating apparatus, and made the library and reading room furniture.

Tuskegee has a library of about ten thousand volumes, which, with the reading rooms, has been obliged to occupy cramped and inconvenient quarters in an old wooden house which was at one time Principal Booker T. Washington's residence.

One has had only to see the students crowd these rooms to realize how much they needed larger accommodations and how much good they will get out of them. The new library will afford ample room for all, and for an increase in the number and scope of the books, which is very desirable. Even of the books now on hand many have been used and used until they are practically worn out.

On the first floor of the central part of the library will contain a stack room, offices, and two large light reading rooms for newspapers and magazines. On the second floor there is an assembly room and lecture hall, which will seat 225 persons, three study rooms for the use of persons using special collections of books, a stack room, and a large museum for the keeping of apparatus and collections used in the school's academic department.

Col. McKee and His Critics.

Editor Colored American:—The only difference between the Negro millionaire McKee and his Negro critics is that he kept his fortune during his life time and only gave it back to the white folks from whence it came at his death. His critics give their earnings to the white folks day by day, and when they die their poor relatives have to bury them. There are thousands of people who can tell you what you ought to do with the money you have made or earned—tell you how to dispose of it when you die, but never have any at their command to leave to any body—neither do they assist

it refreshing to read some of the Negro journals on the McKee will.

CHARLES R. DOUGLASS.

MR. SMITH'S FORESIGHT.

Organizes a Union to Protect Professional Hotel Men—Founder of a Church and Literary Society Again at the Helm.

Hot Springs, Va., Special—R. N. Smith, who has been headwaiter at Hot Springs, Va., during the past seven years, opened the New Homestead Hotel on March 10th with the following officers: R. J. Wilder of Rye Beach N. H., 2nd waiter; S. D. Pannell of Lexington, Va., 3rd waiter; N. F. Berry of Lynchburg, Va., General Secretary; James P. Scott of New York City, head private waiter and R. E. Stovall



Mr. R. N. Smith

head waiter in ordinary. He has about seventy well trained and experienced who are serving some of the most noted people of the country.

The head waiter, R. N. Smith, has accomplished much for good in this place. He was the founder of Smith's Chapel, a handsome little church built three years ago, for and by the waiters and friends who visit this resort; is president of the "Excelsior Literary Society," and is the originator and president of the Grand Lodge of the United Waiters' Beneficial Union which was recently organized at Hot Springs, Va., with headquarters at Covington, Va. The charter members are: R. N. Smith, president and treasurer, S. D. Pannell of Lexington, Va., general secretary and business manager; Rev. Hackett, of Covington, Va., Dr. M. W. Pannell of Staunton, Va., medical examiner; J. H. Dickerson of Charlottesville, Va., vice president.

Many years of experience have taught R. N. Smith, that "In unity there is strength, having seen the necessity of such a union, and as there are so many careless and negligent men engaged in the profession of waiting—he has long since thought of a plan by which those who are engaged in the hotel waiting profession might be protected and cared for in sickness and death. Hence the above mentioned organization was effected with that end in view.

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Dr. L. H. Harris, the proprietor and manufacturer of "Harris' New Blood Tonic," corner 3rd and F streets S. W., is receiving commendations from all parts of the country on his New Blood Tonic. He has sold more than five thousand bottles in the last year, although he has made no effort to advertise it. Mr. W. D. Montague of the District Building, who has used a number of bottles, says, "It is the best blood medicine made and I cheerfully recommend it."

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